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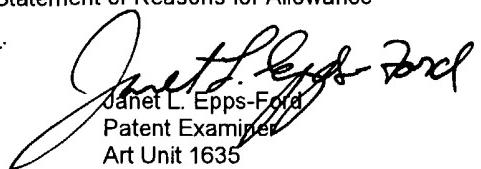
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Amendments filed 1/29/04 and 2/11/03.
 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 8,22 and 23.
 3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
- Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7-16-02
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No./Mail Date 4-30-04
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment given in a telephone interview with Lee Ann Gorthey on April 27, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, page 1, lines 5-7 were deleted and replaced with the following:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. application serial no. 09/648,254 filed August 25, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,677,445, and claims priority to U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/151,246, filed August 27, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety and for all purposes. --

In the specification, page 4, lines 32-33 were deleted and replaced with the following:

--Figures 5-7 (5a-5b; 6a-6d; 7a-7d) show the effects on cell proliferation of transfection of Lovo, Km12L4, and Colo320DM colon cancer cells, respectively, with chimeric--

In the specification, page 5, line3 was deleted and replaced with the following:

--Figures 8a-8d show the results of several cell viability assays on Km12L4 and HCT- --

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

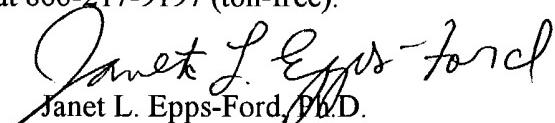
8. (Amended) A chimeric oligonucleotide having the formula 5'-W-X¹-Y-X²-Z-3', wherein
W represents a 5'-O-alkyl nucleotide;
each of X¹ and X² represents a block of seven -to-twelve phosphodiester linked 2'-O-alkyl ribonucleotides;
Y represents a block of ~~five to twelve~~ nine to eleven phosphorothioate-linked deoxyribonucleotides; and
Z represents a blocking group effective to block nuclease activity at the 3' end of the oligonucleotide; and
X¹-Y-X² has a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 9 and 10.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0757. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Saturday, Flex Schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John L. LeGuyader can be reached on 571-272-0760. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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